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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed 12/21/05 and the amendment mailed 5/19/06, please further amend claim 32 as follows. gateway cluster before sending an acknowledgment to the client. This on the other hand would create a huge amount of additional traffic between nodes of the cluster. Thus, it may not be reasonable to even try to transfer connection handled by a proxy.